

SB 14 Talking Points

LEGITIMATE STATE INTERESTS

- **Deterring and detecting fraud**
 - Deceased voters, felons, duplicate registrations, and non-residents remain on voter rolls (2007 State Auditor report found over 49,000 of these possible ineligible voters).
 - Fraudulent registration applications are rampant (over 6,000 applications by non-citizens rejected in Harris County from 2004-2007, 2008 ACORN and 2010 Houston Votes registration scandals made national news).
- **Improving and modernizing election procedures**
 - Majority of Texans have Driver's License or qualified photo ID.
- **Protecting public confidence and improving election integrity**
- **Fair and Equitable**
 - Low burden that is equitably applied to advance the state's interest of ensuring election integrity.
 - Non-discriminatory.
 - Equally applied.

(These points are taken directly from Supreme Court opinion describing Indiana's "legitimate state interests" in adopting photo ID.)

MEASURES REQUIRED TO OFFSET BURDENS ON VOTERS

- **Access to free photo ID cards.**
 - Fee waived for those seeking id for voting purposes.
- **Availability of provisional ballots and absentee ballots.**
 - Provisional ballots, must present photo-id w/in 6 days for review by the early voting ballot board.
- **Ensure that obtaining ID is no more inconvenient or burdensome than usual act of voting.**

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- **Process of registering is still the same.**
 - **Access to ID is maintained.**
- **Phase-in provision**
 - **SB 14 does not have a phase-in provision.**
 - **Instead, act will take effect in whole on 1/1/12.**
- **Education**
 - **Texas will pursue an aggressive voter education program as stated in SB 14.**